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SUBJECT: MIDEASTFOR STATIONING AGREEMENT - CRIMINAL JURISDICTION

1. CMF ADMIRAL HANKS IS REPORTING SEPARATELY THROUGH NAVY CHANNELS CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASE OF SUSPECTED BURGLARY INVOLVING MEMBER MIDEAST-FORCE. (PRELIMINARY INFORMATION INDICATES THAT PRIVATE RESIDENT AMERICAN CITIZEN WORKING AS SECRETARY FOR BURGLARIZED COMPANY, JACKSON MARINE S.A., MAY BE ACCOMPLICE. JACKSON MARINE IS AMERICAN-OWNED FIRM REGISTERED IN BAHRAIN.) GOB LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ARE IN CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE CONTACT WITH MIDEASTFORCE CONCERNING INVESTIGATION AND CUSTODY IN THIS MATTER WHICH UNQUESTIONABLY IS KNOWN TO TOP LEVELS IN GOB.

2. AUGUST 28 MIN OF STATE FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS BARHARNA AT LAST MINUTE CANCELLED SCHEDULED MEETING WITH CMF AND ME TO DISCUSS DRAFT NOTE ON CRIMINAL JURISDICTION, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF COMPLICATIONS

ARISING FROM THIS CASE. WE MUST ANTICIPATE, IN CONTEXT OF SCHEDULED DISCUSSIONS ON JURISDICTION, THAT GOB WILL ASK FOR JURISDICTION IN THIS CASE. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THIRD SENTENCE ARTICLE 11 OF STATIONING AGREEMENT PERMITS LETTING GOB EXERCISE JURISDICTION IN THIS CRIMINAL CASE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE BECAUSE OFFENSE OCCURS 1) AT
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PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TIME AND 2) AFTER WE HAVE INFORMALLY PROPOSED

GIVING GOB SUCH JURISDICTION. SHOULD GOB RAISE THIS CASE WITH US,
REQUESTING JURISDICTION, I PROPOSE TO REPLY BY UNDERTAKING TO REFER
QUESTION TO THE DEPT. I CAN NOT STRESS TOO STRONGLY HOWEVER THE
DESIRABILITY FROM STANDPOINT MIDEASTFORCE SITUATION OF PERMITTING
GOB TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION IN THIS MATTER SHOULD IT SO REQUEST.
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